

(c) *SENSE OF THE SENATE.* The Administration shall not sign any agreement with the Russian Federation on low enriched uranium that does not include a requirement that a portion of the low enriched uranium be derived from highly enriched uranium.

RULE OF LAW AND BORDER SECURITY IN EGYPT

SEC. 699Q. (a) The Senate makes the following findings:

(1) Fighting in Gaza during the summer of 2007 demonstrated that the terrorist organization Hamas, which unlawfully seized control over Gaza in June 2007, has been able to achieve a dramatic increase in the quantity and sophistication of arms at its disposal.

(2) Without these arms, the terrorist organization would not have been able to seize control over the Gaza territory.

(3) There is substantial evidence that a significant proportion of these arms were smuggled across the border between Gaza and Egypt.

(4) The Egyptian military is a capable force, made possible in substantial part by a close relationship with the United States.

(5) Concurrent with the escalation of dangerous arms smuggling across the border between Egypt and Gaza has been a retrogression in the rule of law in Egypt.

(6) This loss of hard-earned ground has been characterized by reports of harsh reaction by the Government of Egypt to dissent, including the jailing of political opponents.

(7) The United States has provided aid to Egypt in excess of \$28,000,000,000 over the past three decades.

(b) *The Senate—*

(1) reaffirms its long-standing friendship with the people of Egypt;

(2) believes that our friendship with Egypt requires the Senate to address such vital policy concerns;

(3) urges the Government of Egypt to make concrete and measurable progress on restoring the rule of law, including improving the independence of the judiciary and improving criminal procedures and due process rights and halting the cross-border flow of arms to Gaza;

(4) believes it is the best interest of Egypt, the region, and the United States that Egypt takes prompt action to demonstrate progress on these matters; and

(5) urges the Department of State to work vigorously and expeditiously with the Government of Egypt and the Government of Israel to bring the border between Egypt and Gaza under effective control.

This Act may be cited as the “Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008”.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Executive Calendar nominations Nos. 74, 275, 295, and 296; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate’s action, and the Senate return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. John F. Kelly, 0000

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE
ADMINISTRATION

Ronald Spoehele, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Michael David Credo, of Louisiana, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Esteban Soto III, of Maryland, to be United States Marshal for the District of Puerto Rico for the term of four years.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now return to legislative session.

NATIONAL CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 316, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 316) designating the week of October 21 through October 27, 2007, as “National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week.”

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 316) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 316

Whereas lead poisoning is a leading environmental health hazard to children in the United States;

Whereas according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 240,000 preschool children in the United States have harmful levels of lead in their blood;

Whereas lead poisoning may cause serious, long-term harm to children, including reduced intelligence and attention span, behavior problems, learning disabilities, and impaired growth;

Whereas children from low-income families are significantly more likely to be poisoned by lead than are children from high-income families;

Whereas children may be poisoned by lead in water, soil, or consumable products;

Whereas children most often are poisoned in their homes through exposure to lead particles when lead-based paint deteriorates or is disturbed during home renovation and repainting; and

Whereas lead poisoning crosses all barriers of race, income, and geography: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of October 21 through October 27, 2007, as “National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week”; and

(2) calls upon the people of the United States to observe National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week with appropriate programs and activities.

MINORITY PARTY MEMBERSHIP ON THE COMMITTEE ON VET- ERANS’ AFFAIRS

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 317 which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 317) to constitute the minority party’s membership on the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs for the remainder of the 110th Congress or until their successors are chosen.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 317) was agreed to.

The resolution is as follows:

S. RES. 317

Resolved, That the following shall constitute the minority party’s appointments to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs for the remainder of the 110th Congress or until their successors are chosen:

Mr. Burr, Mr. Specter, Mr. Craig, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Graham, Mrs. Hutchison, Mr. Ensign.

PERCY SUTTON POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 954 and that the Senate proceed to its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 954) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 365 West 125th Street in New York, New York, as the “Percy Sutton Post Office Building.”

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I rise today to express my support for H.R. 954, a bill to designate the post office located at 365 West 125th Street in Harlem as the Percy Sutton Post Office Building. Percy Sutton is a giant of the New York community. He is a patriot, a veteran Tuskegee Airman, and a pioneering leader in multiple fields—politician, civil rights activist, lawyer and entrepreneur. And, through a lifetime of extraordinary work in the public and